



WHAT ISLAM SAYS ABOUT

HOMOSEXUALITY

The crime of homosexuality is one of the greatest of crimes, the worst of sins and the most abhorrent of deeds, and Allah punished those who did it in a way that He did not punish other nations.

It is indicative of violation of the fitrah, total misguidance, weak intellect and lack of religious commitment, and it is a sign of doom and deprivation of the mercy of Allah. We ask Allah to keep us safe and sound.

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) said:

“AND (REMEMBER) LOOT (LOT), WHEN HE SAID TO HIS PEOPLE: ‘DO YOU COMMIT THE WORST SIN SUCH AS NONE PRECEDING YOU HAS COMMITTED IN THE ‘AALAMEEN (MANKIND AND JINN)? ‘VERILY, YOU PRACTICE YOUR LUSTS ON MEN INSTEAD OF WOMEN. NAY, BUT YOU ARE A PEOPLE TRANSGRESSING BEYOND BOUNDS (BY COMMITTING GREAT SINS).’ AND THE ANSWER OF HIS PEOPLE WAS ONLY THAT THEY SAID: ‘DRIVE THEM OUT OF YOUR TOWN; THESE ARE INDEED MEN WHO WANT TO BE PURE (FROM SINS)!’ THEN WE SAVED HIM AND HIS FAMILY, EXCEPT HIS WIFE; SHE WAS OF THOSE WHO REMAINED BEHIND (IN THE TORMENT). AND WE RAINED DOWN ON THEM A RAIN (OF STONES). THEN SEE WHAT WAS THE END OF THE MUJRIMOON (CRIMINALS, POLYTHEISTS AND SINNERS)”

(Surah Al A'raf 7:80-84)

Allah did not test anyone with this major sin before the people of Loot, and He punished them with a punishment that He did not send upon any other nation; He combined all kinds of punishment for them, such as destruction, turning their houses upside down, causing them to be swallowed up by the earth, sending stones down upon them from the sky, taking away their sight, punishing them and making their punishment ongoing, and wreaking vengeance upon them such as was not wrought upon any other nation.

That was because of the greatness of the evil consequences of this crime which the earth can hardly bear if it is committed upon it, and the angels flee to the farthest reaches of heaven and earth if they witness it, lest the punishment be sent upon those who do it and they be stricken along with them.

The earth cries out to its Lord, may He be blessed and exalted, and the mountains almost shift from their places.

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) said:

"VERILY, BY YOUR LIFE (O MUHAMMAD), IN THEIR WILD INTOXICATION, THEY WERE WANDERING BLINDLY. SO AS SAIHAH (TORMENTAWFUL CRY) OVERTOOK THEM AT THE TIME OF SUNRISE. AND WE TURNED (THE TOWNS OF SODOM IN PALESTINE) UPSIDE DOWN AND RAINED DOWN ON THEM STONES OF BAKED CLAY. SURELY, IN THIS ARE SIGNS FOR THOSE WHO SEE (OR UNDERSTAND OR LEARN THE LESSONS FROM THE SIGNS OF ALLAAH). AND VERILY, THEY (THE CITIES) WERE RIGHT ON THE HIGHROAD (FROM MAKKAH TO SYRIA, I.E. THE PLACE WHERE THE DEAD SEA IS NOW)"

(Surah Al Hijr 15:72-76)

The companions of the Messenger of Allah (صلی الله علیہ وسلم) agreed unanimously that the homosexual is to be executed, and none of them differed concerning that. Rather they differed as to the method of execution.

Narrated by Ibn 'Abbas (رضی اللہ عنہ) that,

The Prophet Muhammad (صلی الله علیہ وسلم) said:

"WHOEVER YOU FIND DOING THE ACTION OF THE PEOPLE OF LOOT, EXECUTE THE ONE WHO DOES IT AND THE ONE TO WHOM IT IS DONE." (Tirmidhi 1456, Abu Dawood 4462 and Ibn Majah 2561)

They (gays and lesbians) both go against the natural disposition (fitrah) which Allah has created in mankind – and also in animals – whereby the male is inclined towards the female, and vice versa.

Narrated by Ibn 'Abbas (رضی اللہ عنہ) that,

The Prophet Muhammad (صلی الله علیہ وسلم) said:

"MAY ALLAAH CURSE THE ONE WHO DOES THE ACTION OF THE PEOPLE OF LOOT, MAY ALLAAH CURSE THE ONE WHO DOES THE ACTION OF THE PEOPLE OF LOOT," THREE TIMES.

(Ahmad 2915)

He cursed those who do a variety of major sins, but he did not curse any of them more than once, but he repeated the curse for the homosexual three times.

The Sahābah were unanimously agreed on the execution of homosexuals, but they differed as to how they were to be executed.

Ali Ibn Abi Taleb (رضي الله عنه) & Abu Bakr (رضي الله عنه) said that,

"THOSE WHO COMMIT THE ACTION OF PEOPLE OF LOOT SHOULD BE BURNED IN FIRE."

The spread of homosexuality has caused man diseases which neither the east nor the west can deny exist because of them. The only result of this perversion was AIDS, which attacks the immune system, would be enough.

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"THOSE WHO COMMIT THE ACTION OF PEOPLE OF LOOT SHOULD BE THROWN DOWN FROM A HIGH PLACE THEN HAVE STONES THROWN AT THEM."

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Ibn Al Qayyim (رحمه الله) discuss the views of scholars in his book 'Al-Jawaab Al-Kaafi' li Man Sa'ala 'An Al-Dawa' Al-Shaafi as follows:

The evil consequences of homosexuality are among the worst of evil consequences, so its punishment is one of the most severe of punishments in this world and in the Hereafter. Whether it is to be punished more severely than zina, or whether the punishment for zina should be more severe, or whether the punishments should be the same.

Abu Bakr, Ali Ibn Abu Taleb, Khalid Ibn Al Waleed, Abd Allah Ibn Al Zubayr, Abd Allah ibn Abbas, Imam Malik, Ishaq Ibn Rahawayh, Imam Ahmad & Imam Shafi'i said that,

"THE PUNISHMENT FOR HOMOSEXUALITY SHOULD BE MORE SEVERE THAN THE PUNISHMENT FOR ZINA, AND THE PUNISHMENT IS EXECUTION IN ALL CASES, WHETHER THE PERSON IS MARRIED OR NOT."

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The Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said:

"WHOEVER YOU FIND DOING THE ACTION OF THE PEOPLE OF LOOT, EXECUTE THE ONE WHO DOES IT AND THE ONE TO WHOM IT IS DONE." (Al-Sunan and was Classed as Saheeh by Ibn Hibbaan and others. Imam Ahmad quoted this hadeeth as evidence, and its isnaad meets the conditions of al-Bukhārī)

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) said:

"AND COME NOT NEAR TO UNLAWFUL SEX. VERILY, IT IS A FAAHISHAH (I.E. ANYTHING THAT TRANSGRESSES ITS LIMITS: A GREAT SIN), AND AN EVIL WAY (THAT LEADS ONE TO HELL UNLESS ALLAAH FORGIVES HIM)" (Surah Al-Isra' 17:32)

WHEN ALLAAH MENTIONED ZINA, HE DESCRIBED IT AS A "GREAT SIN" (FAAHISHAH – INDEFINITE) AMONG OTHER GREAT SINS, BUT WHEN HE MENTIONED HOMOSEXUALITY, HE CALLED IT "THE WORST SIN" (AL-FAAHISHAH – DEFINITE). THIS SUGGESTS THAT IT CONTAINS ALL THE ESSENCE OF EVIL AND SIN.

(Al-Jawaab al-Kaafi – Page 260 – 263)

Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah (رحمه الله) said that,

'THE HADD PUNISHMENT FOR IT IS THE SAME AS THE HADD PUNISHMENT FOR ZINA, AND IT WAS SAID THAT IT IS LESS THAN THAT.'

But the correct view on which the Sahābah were unanimously agreed is that,

'BOTH ARE TO BE KILLED, THE ACTIVE AND THE PASSIVE PARTNERS, WHETHER THEY ARE MARRIED OR NOT.'

ALLAAH STONED THE PEOPLE OF LOOT, AND STONING IS PRESCRIBED FOR THE ZAANI BY ANALOGY WITH THE STONING OF THE HOMOSEXUAL. BOTH ARE TO BE STONED, WHETHER THEY ARE FREE OR SLAVES, OR ONE OF THEM IS THE SLAVE OF THE OTHER, IF THEY HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF PUBERTY. IF ONE OF THEM HAS NOT REACHED THE AGE OF PUBERTY, HE IS TO BE PUNISHED BUT NOT STONED, AND NONE IS TO BE STONED EXCEPT ONE WHO HAS REACHED PUBERTY.
(Al-Siyaasah Al-Shar'iyyah Page 138)

THERE IS NO HADD PUNISHMENT IF THE ONE WHO HAS BEEN SODOMIZED IS FORCED INTO IT, SUCH AS IF THE ONE WHO DID IT OVERPOWERED HIM OR THREATENED HIM WITH DEATH OR BEATING AND THE LIKE

(Sharh Muntaha Al Iraadaat, Vol 3, Page 348)

IF THE ONE TO WHOM IT WAS DONE IS A MINOR AND HAS NOT REACHED THE AGE OF PUBERTY. THERE IS NO HADD PUNISHMENT IN THIS CASE, BUT HE SHOULD BE DISCIPLINED AND PUNISHED IN A WAY THAT WILL DETER HIM FROM COMMITTING THIS CRIME.

Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah (رحمه الله) & Ibn Qudaamah (رحمه الله) said that,

'THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE OF OPINION AMONG THE SCHOLARS CONCERNING THE FACT THAT THE HADD PUNISHMENT SHOULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT ON ONE WHO IS INSANE OR A BOY WHO HAS NOT YET REACHED THE AGE OF PUBERTY.'

(Al Mughni, Vol 9, Page 62)

The Muslims there feel total abhorrence towards this shameful act, because their religion, Islam, emphatically forbids this deed and prescribes a severe punishment for it, in this world and the next.

The Prophet Muhammad (صلی اللہ علیہ و سلم) said:

"WHOEVER YOU FIND COMMITTING THE SIN OF THE PEOPLE OF LUT (LOT), KILL THEM, BOTH THE ONE WHO DOES IT AND THE ONE TO WHOM IT IS DONE" – I.E. IF IT IS DONE WITH CONSENT."

(Tirmidhi in his Sunan 1376)

The scholars of Islam said that,

'THE PERSON GUILTY OF HOMOSEXUALITY SHOULD BE STONED, WHETHER HE IS MARRIED OR UNMARRIED.'

(Maalik, Al-Shafi'i, Ahmad and Ishaaq)